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In re Application of :
Robert T. Baum :
Application No. 09/910,429 :
Filed: July 20, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No. VE23.28 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 10, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned as a result of petitioner's failure to file an appeal brief (and fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2)) within the time period provided in 37 CFR 41.37(a)(1). As an appeal brief (and appeal brief fee) was not filed within two (2) months of the Decision mailed July 25, 2007, and no extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained, the appeal was dismissed and the proceedings as to the rejected claims were terminated. See 37 CFR 1.197(b). As no claim was allowed, the application became abandoned on September 26, 2007. See MPEP 1215.04.

There is no indication that the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. However, the signature of Jeffrey T. Gedeon appearing on the petition shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he is authorized to represent the particular party on whose behalf he acts in accordance with 37 CFR 1.34(a). A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to petitioner; but, if Mr. Gedeon desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted. All future correspondence regarding this application file will be directed solely to the address of record.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of the Appeal Brief and requisite fee; (2) the petition fee of \$1,540; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay¹.

¹ 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. While the statement is not made by an attorney of record, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

The application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2137 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the response filed June 10, 2008.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204. Inquiries relating to the prosecution of the application should be referred to the Technology Center.

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